

HB 1030
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Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today on behalf of the Commission to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1030.

The Commission on Legal Counsel supports HB 1030 in its attempt to de-stigmatize those individuals who have found themselves in the criminal legal system due to a substance use problem. These Courts have saved lives and promote opportunities for those charged with crimes to make positive changes to their lives. This bill adapts best practices in terming the courts as “treatment” courts, as the courts provide for so much more healing than those only suffering from addiction to drugs.

For the reasons states herein, the Commission supports HB 1030 and respectfully requests a do pass recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:



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